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not. They decided to give this particular teamster a bath. Before breakfast one morning, they removed the board from between the arks. Everyone had come across from the teamsters' ark except this one particular teamster who was the hero of the story. The breakfast bell rang and he made a dive for the table. He was somewhat of a reckless fellow and did not notice that the walk was gone. He made a dive for the table, gave a jump and fell into the river. He swam to the ark and crawled to the deck, very mad. The men kept from laughing as long as they could, but finally had to have a good laugh. He was pretty mad but finally joined in and they all had a hearty laugh.

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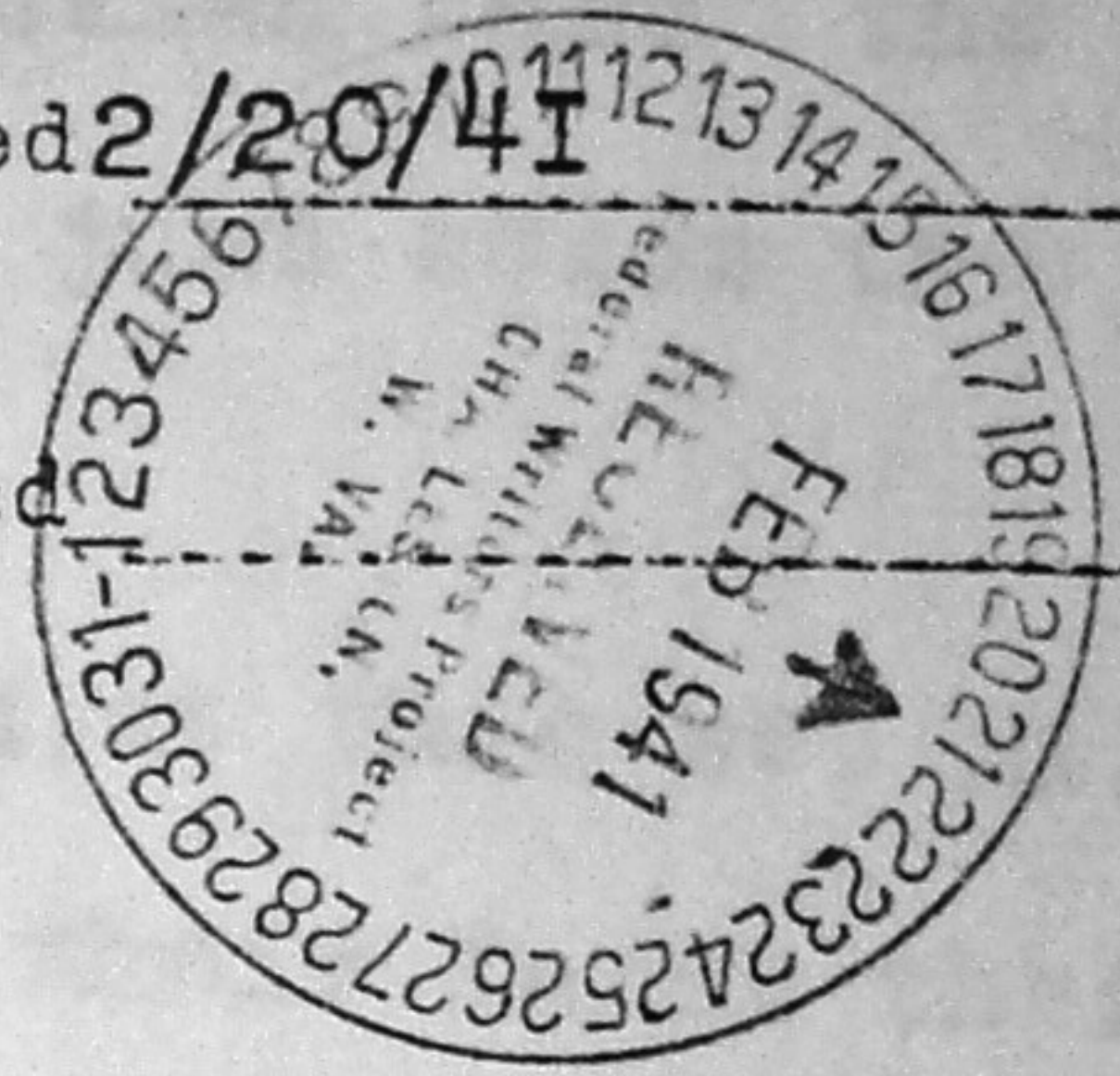
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About 1880 John Peters of Pennsylvania and John Marshall of Virginia set their mill on what is known as the G. L Auldridge farm and owned at that time by Millard F Ruckman of the Ruckman settlement above Millpoint at this set they operated the walnut timber on the Wallace Ruckman farm the part now owned by Edgar Boblett, the mill was set in the run just below the present residence of G. L Auldridge.

The mill was logged by oxen owned by Peters, at this set Millard & James Ruckman put in some logs to be sawed for use on their farms these were Poplar.

The lumber was wagoned to near Watoga to the McClure field and there rafts were made which carried the lumber to Ronceverte to be shipped by train from there to furniture factories in the eastern part of the U.S.

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